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The following report was submitted prior to the events of 19-20 February 1949, when the Hertzog government declared a state of siege subsequent to the discovery of plans for a coup d'etat.

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1. Source reports that the Bolivian sub-Ministry of Immigration has completed safe conduct forms for seventeen Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) agitators,* including Augusto Cuadros Sanchez, Federico Alvarez Plata, and Jorge Rios Gamarra. The forms are now ready for immediate use for the deportation of the seventeen individuals to Arica, Chile, in the event of their detention by government authorities.**
2. The Director General of Police reportedly believes that the MNR is ready and anxious to attempt a coup d'etat, and is only awaiting a signal from the army elements which are expected to furnish necessary collaboration and assistance. The Director General bases his opinion on his belief that the MNR realizes that it is beginning to lose strength and feels impelled to act now. The loss of strength is caused by increased police control, as well as by dissension and division within the party as illustrated by the formation of the faction called the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario Villarroelista (MNRV).

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